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Frank O'Farrell....

You must have been as cheered as we were with our win at Scunthorpe last Saturday, not just for the result itself but because it followed up our important win against Colchester the previous week, when we at last ended our long run without a victory. We were the better side at Scunthorpe, but we have not always made the most of superiority like that, and it was good to see us making it count that day.

There is an awful lot of rubbish written and talked about football, and I am afraid that the situation is not improving if some of the last week's material is anything to go by. All club managers, and I hope all people with a genuine love of professional football in this country, must have been disturbed by the sacking of Newport's Len Ashurst and the resignation of Aston Villa Manager Ron Saunders.

Since he took over at Somerton Park three and a half years ago, Ashurst has led Newport from the brink of extinction to promotion to Division Three and a place in the European Cup Winners Cup Quarter Finals last season. Now it seems his ex-chairman (judging from the press) needs a better motivator and has therefore appointed Colin Addison to replace Ashurst. Addison has just got the sack at Derby, if motivation is the all important criteria of management, then what is Colin Addison's Derby County doing halfway in the Second Division, and why did Derby get rid of him? I have no quarrel with Colin Addison, far from it, but I have heard this old clap-trap about motivation so many times, and it always makes me cringe. Successful management is about many things including having enough good players with the right attitude to the game and playing consistently at their best. Even then success can be as elusive as a butterfly. Ron Saunders must have been perplexed to know why the same bunch of players could show such a contrast in performance this season to last. What about the game's so called motivators, men like Clough and Docherty? You do not hear much about their powers of persuasion when their teams are not winning or they are out of work. Football should be grateful for the Ipswich's, West Hams and Southampton's, clubs which choose their managers carefully and stick by them through the inevitable disappointments that this game can bring.

With Wigan at the top of the Fourth Division I do not suppose their manager Larry Lloyd is in fear of his job at the moment. I welcome Larry, his side and supporters to Plainmoor, especially former Torquay player Jimmy Weston, and hope that they return to Lancashire with exactly the same points total they arrived with!

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WIGAN PUSH THE BOAT OUT



You have to go back 15 matches to October 20th for Wigan Athletic's last defeat in a Fourth Division fixture and then they managed to score three times in an eight goal thriller at Bury! No wonder then that 'Latics' gates have risen back to the sort of attendances they used to attract on entering the Football League four years ago.

When we went to Springfield Park on October 3rd we were sitting proudly on top of the league and Wigan were nine points adrift of us in twelfth place. Tonight they come here as league leaders (before the midweek games) some fifteen points ahead of us, such are the varying fortunes of tonight's opposing sides. They beat us that afternoon with a solitary goal and soon after we embarked on a nightmare three months without a league victory.

Just prior to that game Wigan manager **LARRY LLOYD** paid us £8,000 for our transfer listed midfielder player **JIMMY WESTON** and he made his home debut for them at left back. Unfortunately for 'Wes' he has since lost his place through injury and now cannot win his place back.

The current high flying Wigan side is now distinctly Larry Lloyd's team rather than the one he inherited from **IAN McNEILL** at the end of last season, and the latest arrival is evidence that in these critical financial times, Wigan's directors are prepared to push the boat out in a positive bid to match the very impressive support they attract from the local population. The £65,000 arrival of **EAMON O'KEEFE** from big city neighbours Everton certainly raised a few eyebrows. Not only were Wigan's Fourth Division rivals shocked that a club at this level could and would still pay that sort of fee but also that a player of O'Keefe's calibre was prepared to drop into the Fourth Division — remember he was still an Everton first choice until just before Christmas. Obviously he believes that Wigan are going places, a belief shared by Lloyd when he too agreed to drop down from the top drawer when he moved in from Nottingham Forest last season. The arrival of the former England player certainly re-established the belief of the fans who had become rather disillusioned at the clubs "failure" to get out of the Fourth Division after three attempts and also brought a new dimension to life at Springfield Park as the experience gained from working under such legends as Bill Shankley and Brian Clough began to rub off. The appointment of **BOBBY CHARLTON** as a member of the Board last season also served to convince the Wigan public that they do indeed have the privilege of supporting one of the few thriving and progressive clubs in the country at the moment and in their geographical location

(they rub shoulders with Liverpool and Manchester) that is some achievement. Remember too that their success is being achieved in a town that was always regarded as a Rugby League hotbed and had seen its previous Football League Club — Wigan Borough — ignominiously fold in mid-season in 1932. The failure of the club hung like a millstone round Athletic's neck (they were formed out of the Borough wreckage and use the same ground) until their election to the Football League in 1978. But unlike any other post war newcomers to the League, Wigan do hail from a vast metropolitan area that has no difficulty in providing a comfortable level of support.

Unlike the Colchesters, Herefords and Torquays of this world, they can recruit players from within a reasonable radius of miles without having to talk them into moving from one end of the country to the other.

Goalkeeper **ROY TUNKS** came down the road from Preston North End this season having lost his First Team place after several years there and left back **ALEX CRIBLEY** came from neighbouring Liverpool where he was a Central League regular. Rightback **DAVID GLENN**, like Cribley, is a convert from midfield and the club's first ever apprentice who is now a professional, impressive central defender **COLIN METHVEN** cost £30,000 from East Fife in 1979 and partners **LARRY LLOYD** in defence. In midfield **JEFF WRIGHT** a survivor from their non-league days, should be partnered by **MIKE QUINN** who had spells at Derby and Tranmere as a junior and big **GRAHAM BARROW** who made a name for himself at Altrincham before joining Wigan in the summer.

The front runners should feature **PETER HOUGHTON** another player with them in non-league soccer, **LES BRADD** the well known former Rotherham, Notts County and Stockport striker and of course **EAMON O'KEEFE**. Likely substitute is **CLIVE EVANS** who cost a sizeable fee on arrival from Tranmere Rovers, and others who may travel are **JIMMY WESTON**, winger **KEVIN SHELDON**, fullback **JOHN McMAHON**, and defenders **STEVE McADAM** and **NEIL DAVIES**.

Apart from their impressive League form, Wigan have reached the Fourth Round of the League Cup this season where they led League Champions Aston Villa for much of the game before bravely bowing out and prior to that they put out Second Division Chelsea.

Their one disappointment came in a First Round F.A. Cup defeat to this season's bogey club Hartlepool in a replay.



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Stockport County (LC1)	A	2-1
Northampton Town	H	3-1
Port Vale	H	2-0
Tranmere Rovers	A	0-0
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Torquay United	H	1-0
Aldershot (LC2)	A	2-2
Stockport County	H	2-1
Hull City	A	2-0
Bury	A	3-5
Scunthorpe United	H	2-1
Aldershot (LC2)	H	1-0
Colchester United	A	2-1
Darlington	H	2-1
Hereford United	H	1-1
Chelsea (LC3)	H	4-2
York City	A	0-0
Hartlepool United (FAC1)	H	2-2
Hartlepool United (replay)	A	0-1
Rochdale	A	1-1
Aston Villa (LC4)	H	1-2
Halifax Town	H	2-0
Mansfield Town	A	2-1
Tranmere Rovers	H	0-0
Peterborough United	H	5-0
Bradford City	H	4-1
Crewe Alexandra	A	1-0
Northampton Town	A	3-2
Hartlepool United	H	1-1
Port Vale	A	—

LARRY LLOYD

Player-Manager of Wigan Athletic is Larry Lloyd who joined the club from Nottingham Forest at the latter end of last season. A fierce competitor with over 400 League appearances and 3 England Caps to his credit, he began his career with Bristol Rovers in the sixties. Before long he signed for Liverpool where he really made a name for himself and later in his career he played for Coventry and Nottingham Forest. As well as his England Caps he has played for the Under 23's and boasts an F.A. Cup finalists medal, a E.U.F.A. Cup winners medal, 2 European Cup winners medals and 2 League Cup winners tankards.



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GUNNERS FANS ARE DEMANDING

says Derek Henderson

Soccer is all about comparisons as well as goals. What is a good season for one club, would be average for others, and mediocre for a select few such as Arsenal who have always set their heights so high.

Over 60 years of unbroken First Division football (barring the war years) is Arsenal's proud boast, and is a quite breathtaking achievement, taking into account that every club has its downs as well as ups.

But such a triumph has the inevitable backlash. Their supporters have come to expect the best almost as a right. And when, as for example this season, things are not going as well as expected, questions are asked which assume a magnitude never realised at other clubs.

If Arsenal are in mid-table and have been knocked out of a cup competition, there's a crisis. It's something successive managements — and the current one of Terry Neill and Don Howe — have had to swallow whatever their personal feelings.

This term's activities have included a stormy shareholders meeting at which the directors and Neill were under some criticism. And an early exit in the UEFA Cup at the hands of one of the lesser-known Belgian clubs raised even more questions about Arsenal's current ability to co-exist with the greatest of English clubs.

The root cause of Arsenal's decline — if indeed, it is a decline — is clearly the departure of two world-class players in a short space of time.

The loss of Liam Brady to Juventus — a midfield player of undoubted class and around whom the whole Arsenal machine was geared — was a blow on its own. When it was followed by the departure of Frank Stapleton, regarded by many top observers as the best centre-forward in the British Isles, things took on a more serious turn.

It was like a battleship joining the action with its major guns muffled.

No wonder Arsenal have spluttered in and out of form, trying desperately to recapture some regular rhythm while their dismayed supporters look on with mounting bewilderment.

It is of little use placating them by reminding them that with youngsters like Paul Vaessen, Paul Davis, Brian McDermott and Chris Whyte around, the future looks bright indeed.

They want jam today not tomorrow, as the saying goes, and the immediate future is one of concern.

Men like Brady and Stapleton are almost impossible to replace and the loss was bound to be felt. Graham Rix, they said, was the player to drop nearly into Brady's boots but it hasn't worked out like that.

And with fees of £1 million plus being bandied about for players of lesser calibre than Stapleton, Neill had himself a prize headache when the Irish striker left.

Strange to recall that last season when Arsenal finished third in the League, it was considered to be a "nothing" season for they had been put out of the third round of the F.A. Cup at Everton and out of the fourth round of the League Cup by their deadly rivals and neighbours Tottenham.

And when their early demise in the UEFA Cup had caused further dismay early this season, the fans were left to contemplate three cup defeats in succession inside the space of a few months.

Add to that a struggle to get League points, and this season has been an uphill climb on the field and one of chagrin on the terraces and in the stands.

Yet Arsenal have had these traumas before and have won through. There are few fans remaining who can



Kenny Sansom

remember Second Division soccer at Highbury.

In their hour of disappointment, the grumblers should think about that remarkable fact — and thank their lucky stars. No wonder "Lucky Arsenal" is a tag that has stuck through the years.....

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Peru: No Respecters of Reputations

Don't mention it too loudly in Scotland, but names like Teofilo Cubillas, Hector Chumpitaz, Ramon Quiroga and Cesar Cueto will be figuring in the 1982 World Cup finals.

They belong, just in case you need reminding, to the team of Peru, who shook Scotland with that infamous 3-1 victory in Cordoba in 1978. It was the Scots' opening match, and all Ally MacLeod's effusive confidence, not to mention that of his team, was punctured that afternoon.

Joe Jordan put Scotland ahead, and after Cueto equalised for Peru, Don Masson had a penalty saved by Quiroga. Then Cubillas beat Alan Rough with two spectacular right-foot shots, and the subsequent doping scandal which led to Willie Johnston being sent home only compounded Scotland's misery.

While the Scots limped on to a draw against Iran, which even a spirited victory over Holland could not rectify, their Peruvian conquerors managed to qualify for the second round. But then their glory was tainted, because Peru succumbed to a rampant Argentina on that memorable night in Rosario when the host nation required a four-goal victory to reach the final.

Although Peru's flying wingers, Munante and Oblitas, each hit the post with the score

0-0, the final score was 6-0 to Argentina! And Peru's Argentine-born goalkeeper, Quiroga, was accused of "throwing" the match by Brazil — who failed to reach the final on account of that result.

All that was four years ago, but now Peru have qualified for the World Cup finals again. Ironically, with a Brazilian coach; and, true to their reputation for causing upsets, by knocking over former World Cup winners Uruguay, whose success in last year's Gold Cup had made most experts assume they would qualify for Spain at Peru's expense.

But that was not the case. Peru took three points off Columbia, the weakest team in the group, then travelled to Montevideo for their most difficult match and beat Uruguay 2-1. One of the goals came from Guillermo La Rosa — one of ten survivors from Peru's 1978 squad.

That result meant that Uruguay had to win the return in Lima to stay in contention. But the second match ended in a cautious 0-0 draw, which meant that Peru were through.

The Peruvians have always had a great character as their coach. In 1970, when they took part in the finals in Mexico, it was the famous Brazilian star, Didi. In Argentina four years ago, the ample figure of Marcos

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"Tim" has had two problems since then in preparing for Spain. One is to gather together his squad for regular training — six of his team are with foreign clubs — and the other is to keep the older, wiser players in the peak of physical condition.

Chumpitaz, for example, has said all along he is too old to play in another World Cup. He admits to being 37, but is generally believed to be over 40! While Cubillas will be 33 by the time he gets to Spain, and has been playing in the calm waters of the North American League with Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Another midfield player, Jose Velazquez, has been in Canada with Toronto Blizzard. He and Cueto, who has recently played his club football in Columbia, will both turn 30 around the time of the World Cup.

Add to these La Rosa, Quiroga, and defender Toribio Diaz, all over the 30 mark, and you realise that the Peruvians could be gasping for breath in the humid atmosphere of a Spanish summer! If so, a lot will depend on the younger survivors from 1978, like defenders Jaime Duarte and Roberto Rojas.

Yet there is no substitute for experience, so do not be surprised to find Cubillas or Chumpitaz playing in their third World Cup. Both were in Mexico 12 years ago, Cubillas scoring one of the goals when Peru lost 4-2 in the quarter final to Brazil, the eventual winners.

That was Peru's best-ever World Cup performance, but their capacity for providing shock results should not be under-estimated. Providing they keep their top men fit and available, the supposedly stronger nations in their group will treat Peru with great care.



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Scunthorpe United

TIMES HARD ON HUMBERSIDE

Not even their best friends would deny that Scunthorpe United are one of football's unfashionable clubs. Indeed, they seem often to be singled out for a mention only when the least attractive outposts of soccer are spoken of.

Which is unfair considering that the Old Show Ground belies its name and is one of the better-appointed headquarters of the Fourth Division.

And considering the way that recession and unemployment have hit the town and the area particularly hard in the last year or two, United are putting up a bold fight to keep their heads above the financial waters, hampered all the while by sparse attendances and a playing record in recent years that is far from impressive.

Since they went down from Division III eight years ago, Scunthorpe have never managed to mount a serious challenge to win back that lost status, which is another reason why gates are not what they might be.

And one can hardly blame the soccer-loving members of the stricken steel town for not making the Old Show Ground exactly bulge at the seams, for there has been little or no incentive for them to do so.

The directors last summer felt they must do something positive rather than just sit around and wait for the dreaded spectre of extinction to grow even larger.

With this in mind, they made manager Ron Ashman — an

old campaigner of Norwich City fame — general manager, and mounted a search for a well-known name to play and manage.

They settled for John Duncan, a cultured Scottish player best remembered for his displays in the white shirt of Tottenham and later for Derby County.

Duncan has had a career marred by injury problems, but this must seem inconsequential in comparison with the mountainous task he assumed when he agreed to come to Scunthorpe's rescue in their hour of need.

The sight of his new charges losing a pre-season friendly to Walsall in front of a pitifully-small attendance of a few hundred fans must have left Duncan in absolutely no doubt as to the magnitude of his task.

But, in the familiar words of new managers, it was a challenge, in view of its harsh realities, and at the grass roots end of football's League ladder, what else is there?

Scunthorpe's claims to fame as far as most soccer enthusiasts are concerned, are that they produced and sold two of the great England players of the last decade — Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence.

The other less honourable slice of history they made was when Bill Lambton became manager and left all within the space of three days — the shortest ever reign in the Football League's history!

The club were elected to the Football League as comparatively recently as 1950 and did well enough to spend six seasons in the Second Division between 1958 and 1964. They even aspired to the dizzy heights of fourth place in 1962 but since then times have become leaner and leaner.

The ground record of 23,935 — one of the League's smallest — was set up for a fourth round F.A. Cup tie against Portsmouth in 1954 when League soccer in the town was still something of an exciting novelty.

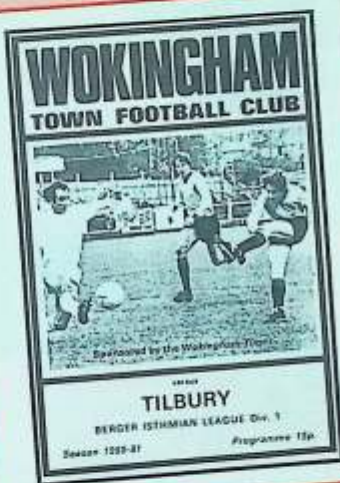
It will take something of a minor miracle from Duncan to bring those sort of times back to United in the aching eighties....



Back Row: David Stewart, Vince Duffey, Stuart Pilling, Steve Davy, David Hughes, Andy Kewley, Third Row: Anton Lambert, Chris Cowling, Joe Newson, David Dal, Neil Johnson, Malcolm Partridge, Rick Green, Second Row: Curtis Strong (Physiotherapist), Bob Oates, Vince Grimes, John Duncan (Player/Manager), Ron Ashman (General Manager), Front Row: Neil Parrott, John Hirston, Dale Woodroffe, Tony Brown.

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Football Club. Other forthcoming programme fairs will be staged in the near future at Slough Town and Fulham.

I am grateful to Tim MacWilliams (manager of W.T. Programme Shop) for letting me have the programmes for several of my articles including this one.

I will now show, with help from W.T.F.C. a pictorial sequence of programmes showing the average 1960s edition compared with the 1980s programmes.



Man. United v W.B.A. 1965-66

It is interesting to note that Manchester United have reverted back to their cover from the 1960s. The United Review is relevantly cheap this year at 25p. The most expensive this season is Luton Town at 50p.

Whilst in Scotland Alloa Athletic and Stranraer are the cheapest at 15p and Rangers, Celtic and Hearts are the most expensive. The average cost of programmes in Scotland is between 20p and 25p this season which is value for money. The only unfortunate thing in Scotland is that the programmes are not up to the standard set by the English clubs.

The Chelsea v West Ham match was quite eventful, apparently the game ended in a 5-5 draw which was Chelsea's tenth draw of the season and fifth in a row with Baldwin, Hateley, Cooke and Tambling 2 (1 pen) finding the net for Chelsea. Whilst the game against Norwich was rather uneventful the programme was at least interesting to read. Chelsea may not be able to guarantee decent football at their games but they can guarantee a very entertaining and readable programme. Keep it up Chelsea.

Crystal Palace's programme from the 1960s was quite uninteresting. The cover isn't anything to write home about either.



Man. United v Wolves 1981-82



Chelsea v West Ham 1966-67.

On the whole programmes from the 1960s were rather uninteresting — covering only the bare essentials like next home match, advertisements, ticket news and results. Nowadays clubs employ programme editors to write the matchday magazine which is a full-time job for some clubs. Alloa Athletic are only part-time so I could only spend a couple of hours a day collecting information, whereas Manchester United's programme editor Ken Ramsden is full-time and can obtain articles from several distinguished personalities like David Meek, Tony Pullein and Roy Cavanagh.

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A local hotel was burnt down and they managed to get hold of the bar which they converted in their existing hut. They managed to buy a large wooden building for £200 which is part of the existing building and since then they have continually enlarged the clubhouse at a cost of thousands of pounds. Like most teams, they won most of the junior championships and finally obtained senior status. Since when they have discovered plenty of local talent including Kenny Kent who finally played for Chesham United and was in their team that played at Wembley and has never forgotten missing that vital penalty. They beat Slough Town in the Final of the Berks and Bucks Benevolent Fund Cup in 1965 after which the Berks and Bucks F.A. suspended the competition. They progressed through the Old Parthenon League, the London League, and the Spartan League Cup at first attempt. They reached the Final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup the following year and met Wycombe Wanderers at Aylesbury losing 2-0, Wycombe scoring in the first three minutes and the last two minutes, it was a game that the club will never forget. They are now looking to the future and whilst the club's policy is to restrict the advancement of the playing strength within their means there is no holding back with the building up of the strength of the club. They will not encourage the payment of excessive expenses to so called "Star Players", they prefer to invest their money on improving the facilities for both players and non-playing members, and have something to show for the effects made by



the committee and members. They have faith in the young players that they sign on and are confident that with the facilities that they have and the happy atmosphere that exists in the club, the strength of the teams will increase and they will then be able to advance into even more senior football in the future. With their new hard surface play area, they feel confident that they will find the future teams of Chalfont St. Peter.

Secretary Dave Putnam does a wonderful job around the club and decided to spend money during the close season on ground improvements which has brightened up the ground immensely. This season I have agreed to help out at the club — being my home town — and write articles in the programme. Also Chalfont have a new manager — Alan Ackrell — who is a 34 year old who lives in Penn. He has brought Ray Clarke to the club a former professional player with Mansfield, as his assistant manager. Bob Shepherd, formerly manager of Chinnor, has taken what many would consider a step down to join the club as reserve team manager.

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Stuart is editor of the programme for the Scottish Second Division side Alloa Athletic. He was born and brought up in Chalfont St. Peter, but moved north of the border when his father's work took the family there.

On Target was alerted to this remarkable young man's work when his grandfather, Mr. Frederick Latham, came in to tell us how proud he is of his grandson. Mr. Latham lives in Pond Lane, Layters Green.

Stuart's interest in football started when he used to watch Chalfont St. Peter FC. He has a vast collection of 1,600 football programmes, and 80 of them are from the Saints' home games.

As soon as his father, Mr. Dudley Latham, took him up to Alloa, he began supporting Alloa Athletic, and he quickly made many friends at the small club.

"When at the start of the 1979-80 season the space of programme editor came up in the vacancies at the club, a man called Sam Harris and myself took it without being asked twice. This season he was unable to continue due to work commitments, so I took over the whole programme," said Stuart.

"The football club and its programme is a labour of love for me, though I am not paid for my exploits on the programme or the other jobs I do around the club."

Stuart not only writes, designs and produces the programme at Alloa, he is also on the committee of the supporters' club, and handles a lot of the public relations work. He answers the many letters he gets each week, and looks after junior supporters at away games.

Another task is to supply rival clubs' programme editors with "pen pictures" and other information when the club plays away.

Alloa are top of the Scottish Second Division this season, and they get an average gate of 900. Stuart produces 400 programmes a game — 300 are sold, the directors have 20, the two teams have 40, the secretary has 12, and the programme sellers and Stuart keep the rest.

Stuart is one of those dedicated people behind the scenes in soccer, who often are the driving force that keeps clubs running smoothly. His commitment to promotion-chasing Alloa known as the Wasps, is obvious.

"In Scotland the BBC and Scottish Television (STV) cameras only cover Premier or occasionally a First Division match. I kept on pestering STV, and at last Arthur Montford, who presents Scotsport, visited our ground, the Rec's, for our home match with Montrose.

"We duly rewarded him by losing 4-0! A few weeks later top place Alloa Athletic were hosts to second place Queen's



Stuart Latham: Soccer editor

Park. The STV cameras recorded Alloa's 5-2 victory, and it was shown the following Friday on Sports Review."

Alloa agrees that Stuart's is the best programme the club has ever had, and his rival editors admit it is one of the best in the Second Division.

The young man has just started writing a handbook for the club, to celebrate next season — Alloa's 60th in the Scottish League. He will also be contributing articles to a new magazine called Programme Monthly.

"Despite my constant contact with programmes I never get bored or disillusioned with my job.

"I still get excited when Saturday comes around. When I don't I suppose that will be the time to call it a day. If Rangers or Celtic came for me to do their programmes I would probably jump at the chance...but only if I could still do Alloa Athletic's. I love the club and I enjoy doing the programme. For me it is more like a hobby than a job."

Stuart still keeps in touch with Chalfont St. Peter FC, and he has asked secretary Dave Putman about the possibility of Alloa coming down to play a friendly against the South Bucks club at the Playing Fields — Stuart's two favourite clubs facing each other!

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LIVERPOOL 3 BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH 1

When Bill Shankly went into premature retirement in 1974 there were justifiable doubts that Liverpool could sustain their stranglehold on English soccer.

Under Shankly Liverpool had become the supreme footballing machine, picking a host of domestic and European trophies.

When Shankly stepped down, one of the game's most prestigious jobs went to his deputy Bob Paisley, a quietly-spoken Geordie who had served Liverpool loyally all his adult life without ever being subjected to the fierce pressures of the public gaze.

But the Liverpool machine proved to be so well-oiled that the transition hardly appeared noticeable and by season 1976-77, Liverpool began their campaign for the European Cup — the one major trophy to have eluded Shankly.

Shankly's influence was still evident — all the players had been signed during his reign — but it was Paisley who was spearheading the challenge as first Crusaders and then Trabzonspor were dismissed in the first two rounds.

St. Etienne from France posed the first major hurdle in the quarter finals, beating the Merseysiders in the first leg 1-0 but then falling to a Kevin Keegan inspired revival in the second leg when they were ruthlessly brushed aside 3-1.

And so to the semi-finals. Liverpool were paired with the unknown quantities of the competition, the Swiss part-timers Zurich.

With the most sought-after prize in domestic European soccer so close to their grasp, Liverpool were in no mood to let it slip.

Like St. Etienne, Zurich were knocked out of the Cup in the most contemptuous of fashions, a massive 6-1 on aggregate.

The final, scheduled for Rome towards the end of May, 1977, was going to be an altogether tougher assignment for Liverpool. Borussia Moenchengladbach were filled with West German internationals, among whom the hard-tackling Bertl Vogts and the power-shooting of Rainer Bonhof stood out.

The match belonged to Kevin Keegan, playing in his last major game for Liverpool with the sort of fierce commitment which was to twice earn him European



The late Bill Shankly

Player of the Year awards after his transfer to Hamburg.

Keegan was closely watched by Vogts but it was an unequal struggle. Terry McDermott and the Dane, Simonsen scored early goals as the teams sparred with one another.

But then a corner on the left, taken by Steve Heighway was met with a decisive header from veteran defender Tommy Smith and Liverpool were ahead. Then Keegan, on a typically destructive run was brought down by Vogts and Phil Neal made sure of the trophy's destination by scoring from the spot.

As Liverpool celebrated, all eyes fell upon Bob Paisley who on that hot Italian night had emerged finally from the shadow of Shankly and shown the world that he was fit to be ranked among the best in his own, indomitable right.

LIVERPOOL: Clemence, Neal, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, Case, Heighway, Callaghan, McDermott.

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Star MICK MILLS PROFILE

If any man in the England team since the war has typified the world-renowned image of the durable tenacity and unflappability of the British bulldog, it is Mick Mills.

Yet if you asked the average fan-in-the-street, he would probably disbelieve that Mills had gained as few as 33 international caps up to this season. He seems to have been an unobtrusive yet inevitable part of the England defensive set-up on more occasions than that.

Mills has been captain of Ipswich for 11 years. That fact alone is a remarkable tribute to the dedication and ability of this man of Surrey who has played all his senior football in neighbouring Suffolk.

It was a high personal honour when he captained his country for the first time against Wales in Cardiff in 1978, but his proudest moment was to lead England against the challenge of Switzerland in a World Cup eliminator at Wembley in 1980.

Though the time must be drawing near now when this splendid one-club man, who has been such an important part of what Ipswich have achieved during the past decade, contemplates hanging up his boots, there is perhaps a little left in those experienced feet yet.

When the day of decision arrives, Mills seems in no doubt that he wants to continue in the game as a manager, despite all the pitfalls, and the realisation that good players do not necessarily make good managers, indeed, often quite the reverse.

But Mills does seem to have those qualities which make for success at managerial level — patience, level-headedness and a stubborn determination to succeed.

It seems strange looking back down the years that but for a quirk of fate — one of those things that is always happening in football to dictate your direction — he might well have made his name with Portsmouth instead of Ipswich.

For Mick was on Pompey's staff as a youngster and because of pruning of staff brought about by an economy measure, he went to Portman Road as an amateur.

It was in August 1965 that he became an apprentice there — at a time when Jack Charlton, Gordon Banks, Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton were regular members in the England team and just about to win the World Cup.

It wasn't long before he lined up against Wolves for his League debut in 1966 — the year of that England triumph at Wembley — and just over three years later he became the first player in Ipswich history to make 100 League appearances before his 21st birthday.

But it wasn't until 1973 when his name was extremely well-known around England's big grounds as a full-back or midfield player of non-stop momentum and perception, that he was called up for his country for the first time.

Since then he has never been far from the England manager's thoughts even though he has not been in the squad every time there has been a match.

For reliability and persistence of form, Mills takes some beating. He has been able to produce a level of consistency down the years that makes life easy for managers when it comes to pencilling in names on a team-sheet.

He accepts that there are different ways of captaining a team, just as there are different ways of managing. While some are able to lead their sides by the sheer class of their performance, Mills concedes he relies on his enthusiasm and the example this produces.

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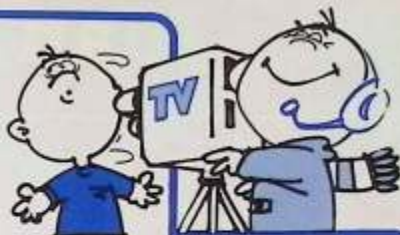
I knew jolly well when I was a kid that I didn't have a hope in hell of ever playing professional football, let alone score England's goal in a World Cup Final. No matter how well I played at school, whoever heard of an international footballer called Simon?

Just look at the list of players in the Football League at the moment. Simon Stainrod of QPR. That's about it. I seem to remember a goalkeeper called Simon many years ago, but apart from a very few, you've got no chance with a name like mine.

In the old days they were all called Bobby — Charlton, Moore etc — or Billy or Jack or Tommy. Nowadays, a name like Kevin and you're away. Christen your little boy Kevin and you'll have the League scouts around the cot in a flash. At the last count there were 12 professional players called Kevin in England. Higher on the list is of course John, with Paul a close second. There are 13 Garry or Garys and the same number of Steves. Mike is also a good bet.

If you want a goalkeeper in the family, call him Jimmy. There are 8 Jimmies around, including goalies Rimmer (Aston Villa), Arnold (Everton), McDonagh (Bolton), Blyth (Coventry) and Platt (Middlesbrough).

The best name for managers seems to be Ron, which could have something to do with the famous *Private Eye* spoof manager, Ron Knee of Neasden. There is of course Ron



Greenwood, plus Saunders, Atkinson and Allen.



England manager Ron Greenwood.

It's a wonder players like Perry Digweed, the ex-Fulham and Brighton goalkeeper ever had a chance. And what about the poor Timothys of this world?

It would seem that if you are saddled with a soppy name like Cecil, Jeremy, or Peregrine, football isn't the game for you.

It is because of this awful uniformity that we have such a lot of dull football. A player shouts to his teammate, "Kevin! In the middle!" and another three players think he's calling to them. Passes astray all over the place!

That's why I never became a footballer, and why I can't wait for Justin Fashanu to get into the full England team.

With him I'd put Craig Madden (can't remember a Craig ever can you?), Port Vale's Neville Chamberlain, Luton's Godfrey Ingram and Pasquale Fuccillo, and Newcastle's Imre Varadi. Perry Digweed would have to be between the posts. Oh, and Simon Stainrod as well. Poor lad, how he must have struggled.



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Alan Hansen

SET FOR YEARS AT ANFIELD

by DEREK HENDERSON

You would think that finding a replacement for a man of the calibre of Emlyn Hughes would be a well-nigh impossible task, certainly in the space of time Liverpool had to achieve it.

But up at Partick Thistle, a young man by the name of Alan Hansen, who sounded more like a Swede than a Scot, was turning in some remarkable performances of poise beyond his years, and only one or two glances from Liverpool's direction were enough to convince them that here was a player who could have years at the top at Anfield with the right coaching.

So it was not surprising that, having arrived in the Merseyside hot-bed, Hansen found vying for a place in the team with Hughes, at that stage England captain, even though he was in the veteran stage, was rather frustrating.

There just wasn't room for the two of them in the same team. But Hansen had the comforting knowledge that once Hughes came to the realisation that his long reign at Anfield was drawing to a close, and that Wolves wanted him desperately to bring his experience to bear on a leaky defence, the way was clear for the young Scot.

Hansen is now 26, assured, polished and supremely confident, as much an integral part of the Liverpool set-up as was Hughes before him.

And what's more, he is becoming as useful to his country as was his predecessor to England.

Yet it might not have been that way had not Scotland manager Jack Stein displayed good sense and a faith in Hansen which the player will always treasure.

For Hansen's international debut in 1979 against Wales was a personal disaster. He thought he played so badly that he had blotted his copybook for ever.

But Stein sensibly put it down to debut jitters and knew full well that Hansen's quality would eventually overcome 'first-night nerves'.

Hansen already has two European Cup triumphs behind him, medals he will cherish all his life — not bad for a man who probably still has to reach the peak of his profession.

There have been comparisons with the great West German Franz Beckenbauer, but Hansen dismisses them on the grounds that the German was the best ever in his position.

But undoubtedly Alan has the same assurance on the ball, often preferring to play his way out of trouble when some Liverpool fans who look to see the ball out of the danger area, would much prefer it to be hoofed away, rather than moved out in a cultured fashion.

Liverpool have had their problems this season conforming to a new goalkeeper in Bruce Grobbelaar and Hansen, like those around him, has had to re-adjust his play slightly after seasons of being used to Ray Clemence.

But even in a period of re-adjustment, Liverpool are still formidable and one can see the signs of greatness re-emerging in which Hansen is sure to play a big part.

Meanwhile, he can look forward to next summer with mounting anticipation as Scotland prepare for the World Cup finals in Spain.

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What's even more certain is that Alan Hansen must figure the day when Liverpool decided he would be an admirable investment, was the best day of his life.



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● It's good to see Albert Larmour continuing to produce the Junior Members Column despite his recent car crash. But then

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Tonight's Player Profile is on striker cum centre-half LES LAWRENCE. Les is married to Jane and they have a little daughter, Jenna.

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Previous Club: Shrewsbury
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Dislikes: Smoking and long coach journeys

Hobbies: Most sports and watching television

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Most Memorable Game: League debut for Shrewsbury, when I scored both goals to beat Oxford Utd 2-1

If I wasn't a footballer, I'd be an Electrical Engineer

Who I'd most like to meet: I've already met my wife Jane



that's typical of Albert — nothing deters him and we know it won't be long before he's back at Plainmoor training hard to win back his first team place.

● Injuries tend to be piling up at the moment and with the impending departure of Mike Hickman coming up we'll be keeping our fingers crossed for an injury-free run to the end of the season.

● Remember to let the Gulls Shop staff know if you have any thoughts of travelling on the planned away trips to Bradford City and Sheffield United. As we said in the Colchester issue, we need a minimum 30 travellers to run a coach so please assist us to help you by letting us know early.

● Fresh stocks of programmes have been flooding into the Gulls Shop again so pop along tonight to see what's new. We have a special offer for tonight — spend £5 and we'll give you a free Football League Diary (worth £2.70). That can't be bad can it!

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